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SOURCE US citizen. Acquaintance of Spitzy and a guest at his castle in Austria in 1973.

1. Reinhardt Spitzy is an elderly, tall, thin, rich Nazi-turned-royalist. He lives with his wife and three adult sons in a 14th Century castle in Upper Bavaria, in a valley once removed from that of Berchtesgaden. His wife is a gracious lady of regal bearing and manner, and it is said that most of his wealth comes from her side of the family. His oldest and youngest sons are Maoist communists and the cause of much distress to him. He is grooming his second son, a political moderate, to inherit his estate.

2. Spitzy's political views are extraordinarily rightest. He boasts of being the only admitted Nazi in all of Europe. During World War II, he was a member of the Austrian high command, but came to hate Hitler and was involved in the last plot to kill him. When that failed, he fled to Spain where he hid out as a monk. He hob-nobs, now, with the Hapsburg pretender to the Austro-Hungarian throne, and he brought the archduke to a crayfish conference in Baton Rouge in spring 1974.

3. Spitzy is considering the cultivation of crayfish for food as a business in his valley. Native crayfish are largely depleted in Europe and are not much thought of as food, but he believes that Western Europe and other parts of the world will offer good markets for them if he can promote them sufficiently. To that end, he has begun supporting international conferences and projects in the cultivation and consumption of crayfish.

4. Spitzy is a friendly and humorous host, but a compulsive talker. He is fun to be around for awhile, but he soon palls.

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